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CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Ishikawa et al. The claims have been amended to incorporate all the elements of allowable claim 5, and therefore are believed to be patentable as well. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectively requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10, 11 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Ishikawa et al. in view of Ciupke. Claims 10, 11 and 16 have been amended to depend from amended claim 1 which incorporates all the elements of allowable claim 5. Therefore the claims are believed to be patentable as well. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectively requested.

Amended claims 1-4 and 6-16 are submitted to present the claims in a form that is more in accordance with U.S. practice, which avoids indefiniteness and more clearly claim the inventive subject matter.

The Examiner listed additional art that was not used to make the rejections, and therefore a response to the cited art is respectively believed not to be necessary at the present time.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that none of the prior art individually or collectively shows a backlight source device possessing the features and advantages provided by the elements recited in the claims as presented. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims appears to be warranted and the same is

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respectfully requested. In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application which can be resolved by a telephone call or facsimile communication to applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile at the numbers provided below.

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